

# TKA and extensor mechanism dysfunction

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## Spina Bifida



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**Not a good indication for TKA**

- Mechanical: if ext. mech.
  - Traumatic
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## E.D. 38 y spina bifida

- Two crutches
- Very difficult and painful gait



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- Quad's L: 5/5 - R: 3/5
- Hyperextension 10° R
- Shortening R



**QUID?**

**Osteotomy R femur**



Was this a good idea?

6 weeks



3 months



4 months



6 months



8 months





## Surgical Management of Gonarthrosis in Patients With Poliomyelitis

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**Abstract:** The authors reviewed nine cases of degenerative disease of the knee in patients with a history of poliomyelitis. All patients were treated with a constrained total knee arthroplasty. The average follow-up period was 6.8 years (range, 6 months to 13 years), and the average follow-up knee score using the Hospital for Special Surgery rating scale was 70. Three of the patients required revision total knee arthroplasty to a more constrained implant. Pain relief was predictably very good and knee stability was initially improved. However, many of the patients suffered a decline in ambulatory ability with time. **Key words:** knee, arthroplasty, poliomyelitis.

## Total Knee Arthroplasty in Patients With Poliomyelitis

Louis Jordan, MD, Mordechai Kligman, MD, and Thomas P. Sculco, MD

**Abstract:** Between 1991 and 2001, 17 primary total knee arthroplasties were performed in 15 patients with limbs affected by poliomyelitis. Eight patients had a constrained condylar knee design, 4 a posterior stabilized design, and 5 a hinged design. Mean follow-up was 41.5 months. The mean Knee Society knee score improved from 45 preoperatively to 87 postoperative. Knee stability was obtained in all patients, including 4 patients with low knee extensor strength through. Radiologic evaluation showed satisfactory alignment with no signs of loosening. Complications included 1 case of deep venous thrombosis and 2 knees that required a manipulation for stiffness. Pain relief, functional improvement, and knee stability can be achieved after constrained total knee arthroplasty in patients with poliomyelitis despite impaired quadriceps strength, and osseous and soft tissue abnormalities. **Key words:** poliomyelitis, total knee arthroplasty, constrained condylar knee.

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The Knee

**Total knee arthroplasty in patients with poliomyelitis**  
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**Abstract**  
 Objective: We performed a retrospective chart and radiograph review of 15 patients with a history of poliomyelitis involving a limb that subsequently underwent primary total knee arthroplasty between 2004 and 2008. One patient (subject 10), two secondary osteoarthritis (2004) and seven primary osteoarthritis (2006) procedures following the knee arthroplasty were included. Eight patients were followed for a minimum of 2 years, four at 4 years, eight at 6 to 8 years, and patients require revision for prosthetic infection. The last patient was included in our study because requiring revision post arthroplasty and arthroplasty.  
 Results: Knee Society Score (KSS), functional performance in all eight patients were at least 2 years following. The revision rate was low overall for the knee arthroplasty which involved 14 of 15 patients (93.3%) (range 0% to 75%) post arthroplasty (range 0% to 100%) for the functional score for revision rate involving 14 patients, from a mean of 70 points (range 60 to 80) to 84 points (range 60 to 90) at the last follow-up. One patient had a recurrence of osteoarthritis after revision of 100% revision. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.knee.2010.06.001](#)  
 patients with osteoarthritis and joint or the arthroplasty for less than two years.

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**TOTAL KNEE ARTHROPLASTY IN LIMBS AFFECTED BY POLIOMYELITIS**  
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 Investigative performed at the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

**Background:** Little information is available regarding the results and complications of total knee arthroplasty in limbs affected by poliomyelitis with severe knee degeneration.

**Methods:** We performed a retrospective chart and radiograph review of patients with a history of poliomyelitis involving a limb that subsequently underwent primary total knee arthroplasty between 1970 and 2000. Between total knee arthroplasties were performed in limbs affected by poliomyelitis in 15 knee patients. Eleven patients were followed for a minimum of two years, one (one knee) died before the minimum biyearly follow-up could be completed, and three were followed for less than two years. The patient was lost to follow-up.

**Results:** There were two postarthroplasty fractures, one proximal femoral injury, one avulsion of the patellar tendon, and four cases of recurrent instability. These complications were related to the poor bone quality, rigid deformity, limited knee joint excursion, and abnormal soft tissue anatomy found in knees affected by poliomyelitis. Knee Society pain and knee scores were improved postoperatively for all nine knees with a two-year follow-up that had had at least antigravity quadriceps strength prior to surgery. However, Knee Society function scores remained at 0 or corrected for six of the eleven knees followed for at least two years, including those with less than antigravity strength, and four of the nine knees with at least antigravity strength. None of the quadriceps improved.

**Conclusions:** Pain and knee scores improved following total knee arthroplasty in patients with a history of poliomyelitis and antigravity quadriceps strength, but there was less pain relief in patients with less than antigravity quadriceps strength. Recurrence of instability and proximal femoral avulsion occurred in patients in whom affected by poliomyelitis that have undergone total knee replacement, but they appear to occur more commonly in those severely affected knees.

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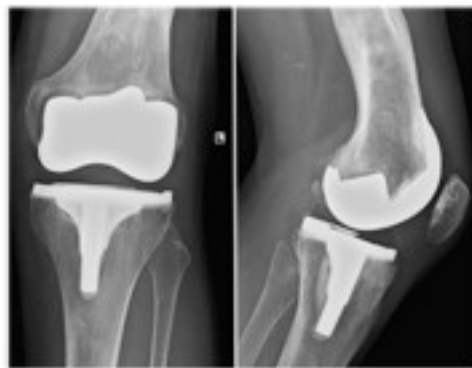
- Leukemia at age 14
- High dose corticosteroids:
- AVN L hip and R knee
- Infection R knee
- Dropfoot
- Lengthening femur



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## Extensor mechanism rupture after TKA

- Simple repair often disappointing
- Repair and augmentation *grafting* for selected cases
- Allograft reconstruction of extensor mechanism in chronic insufficiency
  - Post-infection
  - Multi-revision

## Extensor mechanism reconstruction with allograft

- Emerson 1990, 1994: fixation in flexion
  - Extension lag occurred
- Nazarian and Booth 1999: tight fixation in extension
  - Improved early results

## Extensor mechanism reconstruction with allograft

- 20 consecutive cases
  - 7 minimal tension: all failures with mean extension lag of 55°
  - 13 tight tension in full extension: all successes with mean extension lag of 4.3° at 24 months

RSJ Barnes, AA Berger, CJ Della Valle, SM Sporer, JJ Jacobs, WJG Paprosky, AG Rosenberg. Extensor Mechanism Allograft Reconstruction After Total Knee Arthroplasty. Bone Joint Surg. 2011;93(7):75-81



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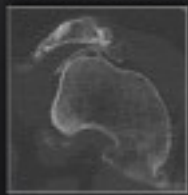


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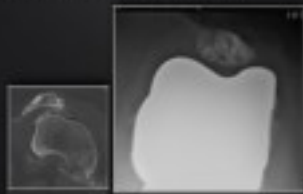
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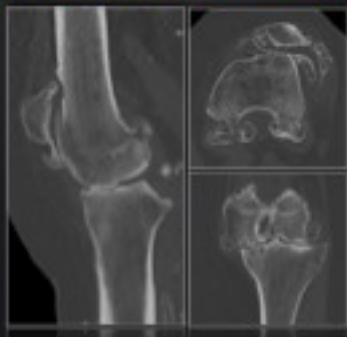


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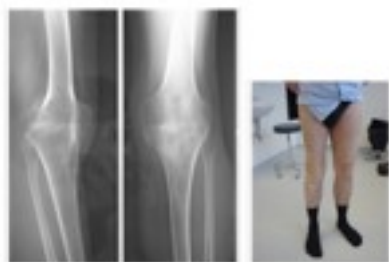


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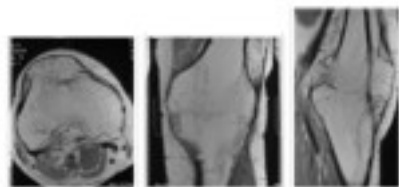
- Is one of the few remaining indications for arthrodesis of the knee



## Case F.N.



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- Has problems with
  - Sitting
  - Rising from a chair
  - Walking
  - Foot hygiene
- Overloads his ankle, hip, lumbar spine and contralateral knee

## Why arthrodesis of the knee

- Creation of a limb that is
  - Stable
  - Painfree
  - Durable
  - And allows gait
- Function after arthrodesis of the knee is superior to that after above knee amputation

